



## Senate

General Assembly

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**File No. 439**

Senate Bill No. 260

*Senate, April 11, 2007*

The Committee on Education reported through SEN. GAFFEY of the 13th Dist., Chairperson of the Committee on the part of the Senate, that the bill ought to pass.

### **AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH ASSESSMENTS FOR ADOLESCENTS.**

Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly convened:

1 Section 1. Subsection (c) of section 10-206 of the general statutes is  
2 repealed and the following is substituted in lieu thereof (*Effective from*  
3 *passage*):

4 (c) Each local or regional board of education shall require each pupil  
5 enrolled in the public schools to have health assessments in either  
6 grade six or grade seven and in either grade nine or grade ten. [or  
7 grade eleven.] The assessment shall include: (1) A physical  
8 examination which shall include hematocrit or hemoglobin tests,  
9 height, weight, blood pressure, and, beginning with the 2003-2004  
10 school year, a chronic disease assessment which shall include, but not  
11 be limited to, asthma as defined by the Commissioner of Public Health  
12 pursuant to subsection (c) of section 19a-62a. The assessment form  
13 shall include (A) a check box for the provider conducting the  
14 assessment, as provided in subsection (a) of this section, to indicate an

15 asthma diagnosis, (B) screening questions relating to appropriate  
 16 public health concerns to be answered by the parent or guardian, and  
 17 (C) screening questions to be answered by such provider; (2) an  
 18 updating of immunizations as required under section 10-204a,  
 19 provided a registered nurse may only update said immunizations  
 20 pursuant to a written order of a physician or physician assistant,  
 21 licensed pursuant to chapter 370, or an advanced practice registered  
 22 nurse, licensed pursuant to chapter 378; (3) vision, hearing, postural  
 23 and gross dental screenings; and (4) such other information including a  
 24 health history as the physician feels is necessary and appropriate. The  
 25 assessment shall also include tests for tuberculosis and sickle cell  
 26 anemia or Cooley's anemia where the local or regional board of  
 27 education, in consultation with the school medical advisor and the  
 28 local health department, or in the case of a regional board of education,  
 29 each local health department, determines that said screening or test is  
 30 necessary, provided a registered nurse may only perform said tests  
 31 pursuant to the written order of a physician or physician assistant,  
 32 licensed pursuant to chapter 370, or an advanced practice registered  
 33 nurse, licensed pursuant to chapter 378.

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:

Section 1	<i>from passage</i>	10-206(c)
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**PH**            *Joint Favorable C/R*

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**ED**            *Joint Favorable*

The following fiscal impact statement and bill analysis are prepared for the benefit of members of the General Assembly, solely for the purpose of information, summarization, and explanation, and do not represent the intent of the General Assembly or either chamber thereof for any purpose:

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### ***OFA Fiscal Note***

#### ***State Impact:***

Agency Affected	Fund-Effect	FY 08 \$	FY 09 \$
Education, Dept.	GF - None	20,000	None

Note: GF=General Fund

#### ***Municipal Impact:***

Municipalities	Effect	FY 08 \$	FY 09 \$
All Municipalities	None	None	None

### ***Explanation***

Moving the option of school health assessments from either grade ten or eleven to either grade nine or ten results in a cost to the State Department of Education as the forms for the coming school year are already printed with the requirement of an assessment in grade ten or eleven stated on the forms. Changing the requirement to grade nine or ten will require a reprinting of the forms.

### ***The Out Years***

The annualized ongoing fiscal impact identified above would continue into the future subject to inflation.

**OLR Bill Analysis****SB 260*****AN ACT CONCERNING HEALTH ASSESSMENTS FOR ADOLESCENTS.*****SUMMARY:**

This bill requires public school students to have health assessments in either grade nine or 10 instead of grade 10 or 11. Under existing law, unchanged by the bill, students must also have health assessments in either grade six or seven.

The law requires such assessments to include (1) a physical examination and a chronic disease assessment, including asthma; (2) an updating of required immunizations; (3) vision, hearing, postural, and dental screenings; and (4) other information, including a health history that the physician feels is necessary and appropriate. In certain situations, the assessment must also include other tests such as for tuberculosis and sickle cell anemia or Colley's anemia,.

EFFECTIVE DATE: Upon passage

**COMMITTEE ACTION**

Public Health Committee

Joint Favorable Change of Reference

Yea 27 Nay 0 (03/21/2007)

Education Committee

Joint Favorable

Yea 30 Nay 0 (03/29/2007)